

SENATE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

1 WHEREAS, the United States Corps of Engineers' five-year
2 study of the Upper Mississippi River Basin, which is everything
3 north of Cairo, Illinois, failed to produce a plan for flood
4 control acceptable to all stakeholders; and

5 WHEREAS, the Mississippi River Commission did recommend Plan
6 H to the United States Congress; and

7 WHEREAS, the Corps of Engineers has not recommended this
8 plan to the United States Congress, citing the expense of the
9 construction of 500-year levees along these rivers, estimated to
10 be \$6 billion, does not meet current cost-benefit guidelines for
11 federal funding; and

12 WHEREAS, the Corps of Engineers additionally determined a
13 need for better data based upon new hydrology and flow studies
14 and the need to study tributaries of the Mississippi River; and

15 WHEREAS, the Corps of Engineers indicated that ramifications
16 of the additional 500-year levees and their potential to cause
17 additional flooding would need to be determined, and affected
18 populations and communities informed and advised of the potential
19 impact; and

20 WHEREAS, the affected counties include the Missouri counties
21 of Lincoln, Pike, and St. Charles; and

22 WHEREAS, Plan H designates only about half of the levees in
23 the Missouri counties of Lincoln, Pike, and St. Charles be
24 raised, while to the north a higher percentage of 500-year levees

1 are recommended for both sides of the river; and

2 WHEREAS, the stakeholders in the Missouri counties of
3 Lincoln, Pike, and St. Charles desire the protections provided by
4 the 500-year levees; and

5 WHEREAS, the proposed Plan H, if implemented, denies the
6 benefits of 500-year levees to those making a living along the
7 Mississippi River, negatively impacting agriculture,
8 transportation, businesses, industries, tourism, hunting,
9 fishing, boating, infrastructure, and residences; and

10 WHEREAS, over 6,500 citizens have signed petitions opposing
11 the proposed Plan H; and

12 WHEREAS, the Upper Mississippi River Basin should receive
13 funding comparable to funding for the Southern Mississippi River
14 Basin from Cairo, Illinois, to New Orleans, Louisiana:

15 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the
16 Missouri Senate, Ninety-sixth General Assembly, First Regular
17 Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby
18 strongly urge the United States Congress to support a
19 comprehensive plan for the Upper Mississippi River Basin that
20 enhances system-wide flood control without creating adverse
21 impacts on existing levees, levee districts, rural communities,
22 and metropolitan areas. The plan should be based on analysis
23 that quantifies the impacts of enhanced flood control measures
24 and acknowledges the importance of keeping agricultural land in
25 production. The proposed Plan H making the Missouri counties of
26 Lincoln, Pike, and St. Charles the lowest points on the
27 Mississippi River levee system is totally unacceptable and we ask
28 the Missouri Congressional delegation to oppose this plan; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri
2 Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this
3 resolution for each member of the Missouri Congressional
4 delegation.
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